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UNEMPLOYMENT RETURNS BY CLASSES

INTRODUCTION

General statement.—The Census of Unemployment was taken in April, 1930, as a part of the enumeration of the population for the Fifteenth Census. The results of this census were first published in a series of State bulletins, each entitled "Unemployment Bulletin—Unemployment Returns by Classes." These State bulletins, together with a summary bulletin covering the entire United States, are assembled and bound together to make the present volume.

The text presented in connection with the United States Summary has been limited for the most part to such explanations and definitions of terms as are necessary to an understanding of the statistical tables. Since this text covers in a general way the tables presented in each of the State bulletins, which appear as chapters or sections in this volume, the tables in these State chapters are presented without introductory text. No attempt has been made in this volume to analyze or interpret the statistics. Since the causes and the extent of unemployment have been made the subject of controversy, it has been thought best to present the returns from the unemployment census as clearly as possible, and reserve matters of analysis and interpretation at least until further tabulations of the returns have been made. Such further tabulations, including unemployment returns by detailed occupations, cross classifications between period of idleness, age, reason for idleness, etc., part-time employment, marital condition of females returned as unemployed, and the returns from the special census of unemployment taken in January, 1931, will be published in Volume II of the unemployment reports.

The material presented in this volume has been prepared under the supervision of Dr. Leon E. Truesdell, chief statistician for population, and Dr. George B. L. Arner, who is in charge of the unemployment census.

Prior censuses of unemployment.—An inquiry concerning unemployment was included in the schedules of the Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, and Thirteenth Censuses (1880, 1890, 1900, and 1910), and some returns from this inquiry were published in 1890 and 1900. In these earlier enumerations persons 10 years old and over reporting a gainful occupation were asked to state the number of months they had been unemployed during the year preceding the enumeration. The question was omitted entirely from the schedule of the Fourteenth Census (1920). The question on the schedule for the Fifteenth Census (1930) refers to actual unemployment on the day preceding the enumerator's call. None of the figures from the enumerations of 1890 and 1900 are given in this bulletin, as it is obvious from the nature of the questions that these earlier figures are not in any way comparable with the returns from the inquiry made in 1930.

UNITED STATES SUMMARY

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MAP OF THE UNITED STATES SHOWING GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

